

April 2017

City Council Members:

- Ron Bigelow, Mayor
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Lars Nordfelt, At-Large
- Tom Huynh, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Karen Lang, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

Public Meetings:

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

City Phone Numbers:

Main Number.....801-966-3600
Police Dispatch.....801-840-4000
Fire Department.....801-963-3336
Emergency.....911
Fitness Center.....801-955-4000
Garbage.....801-955-3720
Storm Water Utility.....801-963-3334
Code Enforcement.....801-963-3289

Website:

www.wvc-ut.gov

City Hall Address:

West Valley City Hall
3600 S. Constitution Blvd.
WVC, UT 84119

City Hall Hours:

Monday – Thursday
7 a.m. – 6 p.m.



Easter Events

Teen Flashlight Egg Hunt

Friday, April 14th at 9 PM sharp! Free! For ages 13 - 17 at the Centennial Park West Softball Complex. Bring your own flashlight!

Adult Flashlight Egg Hunt

Friday, April 14th at 9 PM sharp! \$7 if registered by April 13th; \$10 for same-day registration. Ages 18 + w/ valid ID at the Centennial Park West Softball Complex.

Outdoor Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th at 8:30 AM sharp! Free! For ages 12 and under at the Centennial Park West Softball Complex.

Breakfast with the Bunny

Saturday, April 15th at 9:00 AM. Must pre-register by April 10th. Adults (12 & up): \$9; Youth (4 to 11): \$7; Child (1 to 3): \$5. Children and youth must be accompanied by paying adult.

Edutainment Easter Egg Hunts

Saturday, April 15th, 10:30 to 11:40 AM. Children ages 11 and younger (will be separated into age groups ; time of egg hunt determined by age group).

Members: \$3; Non-Members: \$4. Sign up early!

Easter Egg Plunge

Saturday, April 15th, 11:30 AM to 12:15 PM. Children ages 15 and younger (will be separated into age groups ; time of egg hunt determined by age group).

Members: \$3; Non-Members: \$4. Sign up early!



Family Fitness Center

5415 West 3100 South | 801-955-4000

www.wvcfitness.com



Construction season is upon us, and several major projects are expected to impact travel in and around West Valley City. Visit www.wvc-ut.gov/construction to learn about these projects and find out how they will impact you.

Bulky Waste



Do you have large items that won't fit in your weekly curbside garbage container? Don't forget about West Valley City's monthly curbside bulky waste pickup! This great service is included in your regular sanitation fee and is provided by our sanitation partner, Waste Management.

Visit www.wvc-ut.gov/bulkywaste for more information and to find your pickup schedule.

BULKY WASTE REGULATIONS

Everyday household waste including food waste and packaging must be disposed of weekly in your regular garbage and recycling containers.

Large or bulky items like wood, plastics, metal and leather can be placed out for bulky waste if they won't fit in your regular container.

Normal yard waste and grass clippings should be placed in your regular container. Yard waste too bulky to fit in your regular container must be bagged, boxed, or bundled. Unbound piles will not be collected. Grass clippings will not be picked up as bulky waste.

Limbs must be no larger than 4 inches in diameter and no longer than 5 feet long. They must be bundled in bundles no bigger than 18 inches in diameter and weigh no more than 75 lbs.

Old appliances, carpet, and furniture (including couches and mattresses) can be put out for bulky waste collection. Appliances with FREON will not be collected unless it has a proper tag from a private company stating that the FREON has been removed.

Paints, motor oil, solvents, bug spray, weed killer, batteries, fertilizers, and other hazardous materials cannot be put out for Bulky Waste collection.

Most construction waste will not be collected. Occasional construction or demolition waste from small projects will be collected if it is properly prepared. An abundance of construction or demolition waste will not be picked up.

Other items including business waste, tires, piles of rocks, bricks, broken concrete, or dirt are prohibited and will not be collected.

All bulky waste must be bagged, boxed, or bundled. Boxes must be 30 gallons or smaller. Bundles must be no longer than 5 feet long. Bags, boxes, and bundles must not weigh more than 75 lbs.

West Valley City Recycling



REDUCE



REUSE



RECYCLE

In addition to curbside pickup, West Valley City provides glass, electronics, and car seat recycling at the West Valley City Sanitation building located at 2805 South 3600 West. Electronics and cars seats may be dropped off Monday through Thursday, from 7 AM to 6 PM; glass may be dropped off in the collection bin 24 hours per day.

Learn more at www.wvc-ut.gov/recycling.

What can be recycled?

YES

- Recyclable plastic containers
- Steel/tin/aluminum items
- Newspapers with no plastic wrap
- Junk mail
- Catalogs
- Phone books
- Magazines without wrappers
- Flattened cereal/snack boxes and cardboard

All recycled items must be clean and dry. Food and liquids must be cleaned out of items prior to recycling.

NO

- Loose plastic bags or package wrap
- Broken/sharp glass
- Ceramic materials
- Cloth/clothing
- Food/yard waste
- Hazardous items
- Shredded paper
- Scrap metal
- Non-recyclable plastics
- Liquids
- Frozen food containers

Reservations may still be made for neighborhood dumpsters. For more information or to schedule dumpsters, call Sanitation Services at 801-963-3334 or visit www.wvc-ut.gov/dumpsters.

Bark Post: A Monthly Column

By Amalee, Community Watchdog



Dealing With Pet Allergies

Do you ever find yourself sneezing from allergies at certain times of year? My adopted brother Beckham has allergies too. Pets can suffer from all kinds of allergies, but they don't always show up the same way they do in humans. Pollen that makes you sneeze might make your dog's or cat's feet itch. In fact, scratching is the most common pet reaction to allergies. Here are some ways to help.

1. Consult with your vet to determine whether your pet has allergies, and what the cause(s) might be. Pets can be allergic to environmental allergens like pollen, mold, and dust mites, but they can also have allergic reactions to flea bites and food, or surfaces like carpet fibers or plastic.
2. Watch for signs of allergies in your pet. In dogs, they may scratch, lick, or chew their paws or try to rub their faces on the couch and carpet to relieve

itching. This leads to inflamed skin and additional problems such as skin infections, hot spots, ear infections, even anal gland infections. Cats suffering from allergies might sneeze, wheeze, and cough. They may snore from an inflamed throat. They can have itchy skin, paws, eyes, heads, ears/ear infections, or itch at the base of their tails, or even exhibit vomiting/diarrhea from allergies.

3. In addition to whatever your vet determines, there are natural ways to bring pets some relief. For dogs with itchy skin, stirring baby oatmeal or oatmeal you grind in the blender into a gently warm bath can bring relief. Vitamin E oil can soothe dry skin, and flavorless electrolyte-replacing liquids such as sports drinks can help with diarrhea or vomiting. For cats, essential oils such as a dip of rosemary, peppermint, and pennyroyal might relieve itching (be sure they don't ingest it), and a humidifier can help rejuvenate and moisturize their skin. For both dogs and cats, you can wipe paws with a moist towel to remove allergens from feet, get rid of plastic food dishes, and improve skin by adding a complete oil to their diet. Oils such as corn, sunflower, peanut, and safflower contain essential fatty acids; for dogs, try 1-3 tsp. per day based on size.

Persistent allergies can rain on anyone's day, including your pet's! Please keep us as healthy and comfortable as possible by working with your vet to watch for signs of allergies and find solutions to bring relief. Happy Spring!

Thanks for listening, Amalee

Community Cats & TNR

By David Moss, Animal Services Director

We are about to enter what we call "kitten season" here at the Animal Shelter. This is the time of year when cats start to give birth (puppy season already started as we have gotten quite a few puppies recently). Some of the kittens you may see, or find, around your neighborhood may not have an owner. These kittens, and their mothers, are what used to be called "feral cats." The term "community cats" are what they are known as now. This is because they live freely in the community. It seems when we are in the middle of kitten season we become overwhelmed and do not know what to do with so many cats. But, it is getting better.

There are some people who don't appreciate

community cats and there are others, possibly your neighbors, who feed and care for these cats but don't own them. It used to be that these cats were caught, brought to the animal shelter, and euthanized. The West Valley Animal Shelter is a "No-Kill" Shelter now. What this means is that we don't euthanize an animal unless is absolutely necessary and in the interest of the animal. What we do now, instead of euthanizing, is a program called TNR.

TNR stands for Trap – Neuter – Return. We have an employee who works with the community to Trap the cats and bring them to the animal shelter. This employee then takes the cats to a veterinarian who neuters them. In addition to neutering the cats, the cats are also given vaccinations to ensure the cats', and the public's, health and welfare. Finally, the cats are returned to the community

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where they came from. Since starting this program about 4 years ago, we find it is now making a huge difference in the amount of cats we have to deal with both at the shelter and in the community.

Recently we received a call from a citizen about a community cat killing their pigeons. We caught the cat and put it into the program.

The reason for catching the cat wasn't clearly communicated and the cat was returned to the community it was caught in – standard procedure with this program. This kind citizen called back and explained that, although great for the cat, it wasn't the best for his problem. We caught the cat again and with the help of our community partner, Best Friends,

we relocated the cat to a different community.

Partnerships and new way of thinking have greatly impacted the way we in the animal services field do business. This new way of dealing with cats in the community has been a bold move but one that helps not only the cats but all of us who live in these communities.

Thank you for your help!

WVC Watch Wednesdays



WVC Watch Wednesdays is a series of monthly meetings held on the

2nd Wednesday at West Valley City Hall from **6:00-8:00 pm** to help keep neighborhood groups & interested residents up to date with City information.

April 12

Elements of Great Neighborhoods

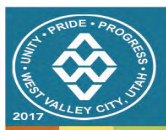
- Code Enforcement
- Animal Services, etc.

May 10

Days of Summer

- Summer Safety for Kids
- Safety Checklists Home & Family

- The first hour of each meeting will focus on the various topics listed.
- The second hour of each meeting will be a community meeting with WVCPD Chief Russo.



West Valley City Hall
3600 Constitution Boulevard
West Valley City, UT 84119
wvc-ut.gov/neighborhoods
neighborhoods@wvc-ut.gov
(801) 963-3562

2017 Clean & Beautiful Yard Awards

Do you have a yard in your neighborhood that stands out as being something special?

Do you drive past a house in the city everyday and think, "WOW! They do such a great job!"

It is time to nominate these great places in our City for the annual Clean & Beautiful Yard Awards.

Nominations are due before

May 4, 2017



www.wvc-ut.gov/cb



Country Club Wedding Without the Country Club Price

For more information call 801-966-4653 Ext. 4
or visit overlookattheridge.com.

5055 South West Ridge Boulevard, West Valley City, Utah 84118



Thursday April 20, 2017 Spring FEST 2017 AN EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

Thursday
April 20, 2017
5 - 8 pm



Fairbourne Station Promenade
2810 West 3590 South

- ★ FREE Admission
- ★ Family Fun
- ★ Kids Activities
- ★ Over 25 Information Tables
- ★ Food Trucks (regular prices apply)
- ★ Neighborhood Building
- ★ Skill Development
- ★ Live Entertainment

Event sponsored and Hosted by:



www.wvc-ut.gov/CB

Family Preparedness Fair April 28 4 pm - 6 pm 29 10 am - 2 pm Valley Fair Mall - 3601 South 2700 West

- ★ Kids Activities
- ★ Emergency Vehicles On Display
- ★ Fire Safety Information
- ★ CERT Information
- ★ Child, Family & Home Safety Information
- ★ Neighborhood Watch Information
- ★ Emergency Preparedness Information
- ★ Great Utah Shake Out Information
- ★ and much much more!!!



West Valley City
FIRE DEPARTMENT

www.wvc-ut.gov/fire



Upcoming Events

#ThursdayLeague Food Trucks
Every Thursday, 5 - 9 PM
Fairbourne Station

April

- 1 From The Heart: Expressions in Fiber Exhibition (Through April 26)
Utah Cultural Celebration Center
- 12 Meet with Mayor Ron Bigelow
City Hall, 4:30 - 6 PM
- 12 WVC Watch Wednesday
City Hall, 6 PM
- 12 Community Meeting with Chief Russo
City Hall, 7 PM
- 13 Professional Standards Review Board Meeting (Citizens' Review Board)
City Hall, 9 AM
- 14 Flashlight Easter Egg Hunts (Ages 13 and up)
Family Fitness Center, 9 PM
- 15 Easter Egg Hunts (ages 12 and under)
Family Fitness Center, 8:30 AM
- 20 Spring Fest: Earth Day Celebration
Fairbourne Station, 5 - 8 PM
- 20 Safety Merit Badge Class
Email meritbadges@wvc-ut.gov to register.
Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM
- 27 Fire Safety Merit Badge Class
Email meritbadges@wvc-ut.gov to register.
Fire Station 74, 6 - 8 PM
- 28 Family Preparedness Fair
Valley Fair Mall, 4 - 8 PM
- 29 National Prescription Drug Take Back Day
CVS Pharmacy, 3148 West 3500 South
10 AM - 2 PM
- 29 Family Preparedness Fair
Valley Fair Mall, 10 AM - 2 PM

Visit wvc-ut.gov/events for a complete list.

Harman Senior Recreation Center
Calendar: www.wvc-ut.gov/harman



NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK PARTY

National Night Out is only 4 months away!
Having a neighborhood party is a great way to strengthen a neighborhood by renewing and building new friendships!
Download a copy of the registration packet today.

www.wvc-ut.gov/blockparty

If you have never organized a block party before, there is also a handy **Block Party Guide** to help with the process.

